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PROPOSED CLAIM 1 FOR APPLICATION NO. 10/766,168 FROM RAYMOND CAPPO

1. (currently amended) A method for use in a computer system that effects secure access to a store, comprising:

receiving a request to access a store from a first process initiated by a requester;
initiating a second process responsive to said store access request, wherein data
generated by said second process is accessible to said first process but inaccessible to the
requester;

changing a context of said second process to the user id of said store;

providing said store with an exclusive user id, said exclusive user id being different from a user id of the requestor;

said second process receiving tokenized credentials <u>corresponding to the user id</u>

<u>and password of the requestor</u> from said first process responsive to said request <u>without the use</u>

<u>of files and without interaction with said requester;</u>

said second process converting the tokens to the user id and password of the requestor and performing a lookup of said tokenized credentials user id and password of the requestor in a credential store;

said second process passing a user id and password associated with said store to said first process if said tokenized eredentials are recognized user id and password of the requestor are found in said credential store;

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communicating between said first process and said store via inter-process pipes private communications channels, said communications channels being inaccessible to the requester; and

said first process obtaining data from said store via said private communications channels inter-process pipes responsive to said store access request using said user id and password associated with said store.